

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2018

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Grilli, Tsai.
Commissioners Absent: Strohfus. No Alternate Commissioners.
- Council Liaison Anthony Phan: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Absent
MUSD Liaison: Absent.
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** No Alternate Commissioners.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of April 26, 2018.
M / S: Awasthi / Arefi Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of May 24, 2018.
M / S: Awasthi / Arefi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** None
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Cancellation of July Meeting**
The SCC opted to cancel the July meeting.
- MOTION to cancel the July 26, 2018 meeting.
M / S: Awasthi / Arefi Ayes: All
- IX. Old Business**
- 2. Possible Sister City Relationship with Indian City**
Commissioner Awasthi reported that there is no update about Northern Chandigarh.
- 3. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities**
Staff reported there is no update available during the summer.
- 3. Tsukuba City, Japan**

Staff reported on contact from Tsukuba staff regarding and art exchange between high school students. This will coincide with a community event in Tsukuba and can coincide with a possible display at the Milpitas Public Library. Staff is leading coordination with inquiries to the Digital Business Academy and fine arts teachers at Milpitas High School when they return from the summer break.

4. Dagupan City, Philippines

SCC members reviewed letters from Dagupan Mayor Belen T. Fernandez requesting a visit to Milpitas in October. Commissioners discussed the process to provide a recommendation to the City Council and areas of responsibilities for each sister city when coordinating a delegation of students and officials. It was expressed that a student visit is the responsibility of the Milpitas Unified School District to coordinate with the visiting sister city or its representatives. The City is responsible to facilitate the activities for the visiting officials.

MOTION to invite a delegation of Dagupan officials to visit Milpitas in October 2018 with limited support of a student delegation.

M / S: Tsai / Awasthi Ayes: All

MOTION to inform Dagupan staff that arrangements for student school attendance and support to obtain homestays are to be secured through the Milpitas Unified School District.

M / S: Arefi / Awasthi Ayes: All

5. Huizhou Municipality, China

No report.

X. Student Liaison Report – None

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

XII. School District Liaison Report – None

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

- i. Tsukuba, Japan
- ii. Dagupan, Philippines
- iii. Huizhou, China

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of June 28 to the meeting of August 23, 2018.

M / S: Tsai / Arefi Ayes: All